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Isao Saito et al.

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Art Unit: 1623

For: NUCLEOSIDE RELEASING FUNCTIONAL
UNIT THROUGH OXIDATION AND
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
OLIGONUCLEOTIDE CONTAINING
THEREOF

Examiner: P. T. Lewis

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.